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Editorial Comment

JUNIOR CANTEN

So long as adequate entertainment and wholesome recreation is offered our teen age generation, the problem of delinquency and youth in general is at a minimum.

We heartily approve of the new "Junior Canteen" at the Appomattox High School and commend those who sponsor this wholesome plan to meet a long-felt need.

Heating Homes

Life has its compensations. The farmer may yearn sometimes for the luxuries and conveniences of the city dweller. And then he may value his own blessings. Certainly, when we read and hear of the present shortage of coal and fuel oil in many of our cities, we can mark another blessing for the rural citizen, who has his own wood supply. Some rural citizens have decided to abandon their wood heat and go in for the city man's method of heating. Apparently this is not the time for that.

We don't know how the post-war homes will be heated, but we do suggest that here is a definite improvement and modernization.

THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY IN POST-WAR AMERICA

New skills have been learned by tens of thousands since Pearl Harbor. People have learned the ways of volume production. Women, as well as men, after the war, some of these workers will be content to return to their home towns and resume their peacetime work, or just loaf around. But many of them will want to continue in their new trades and skills. They will want a chance for a higher scale of living than they have before the war. Likewise, the skill of the average man in the armed service will be higher when he is discharged than when he was inducted. They will be qualified to take skilled jobs in industry.

And in the face of this post-war abundance of skilled labor, there will be a greater demand than ever before for vocational training. The oncoming generation will want to be prepared to take its place in a highly civilized world of tomorrow. Parents who have seen with their own eyes what ignorance, fear and folly have brought down on their world, will want something better for their children. Smugness and complacency are on the way out.

It is a wonder then that many Virginians are demanding something better in the way of education and opportunity than has been offered them in the past?

The world never stands still. It moves forward or backward. And there is always a hunger for the new. Conservatives who are satisfied with things as they are, mainly because they happen to be pretty well fixed as it is and fear that they might lose something if anyone tampers with things. And these conservatives who fear change, stick together. They form a powerful bloc. Always Youth has to fight its way to the top. The highway to success is not easy to travel.

Fortunately, the lure of opportunity: the Open Road, has been strong in America. Liberalism has made the battle, but wins the war. Progress in civilization and human welfare demands that liberalism be always on the march, seeking, probing, keeping open the doors that ultra-conservatism would bar. That American worker, the average citizen, has the will to carry his standard forward and higher.

BARNSTORMING

note that our able governor and our popular lieutenant-governor plan to "take the stump" over the coming special election on the proposal to call a limited constitutional convention to provide for a referendum in this year's state election. We want our attention, to the effect that this is a dead issue. The voters are not interested in the matter. It is unfortunate that the voters did not present itself to dispose of the matter without making the complicated and expensive procedure necessary. Most people believe that the absent service men aren't interested in voting in this year's state election and what few votes are actually cast as a result of call the tumult will be very expensive and will not influence the result of the election. The proposal will in all probability pass, but we fear that anyone "tamping the state" on the issue will have small influence.

THE MANNER OF THE WAR'S ENDING

The manner in which the defeat of Germany will come about is now discernible. It will be the pattern of the defeat of Poland, Belgium, Norway, France and others in the early stages of the war. As the Great Russian Armies converge on Berlin, several million refugees will flee towards the interior. Wagons, carts, wheelbarrows will jam the roads. Each batch of refugees will bring new rumors and each road will clutter with the wreckage of their own armies.

As confusion mounts, the supply problem of the army will increase. Soon fighting units will be without gasoline, food or material. The army will then begin to fall apart. Rumors, panic, confusion on the home front in Germany will cause great crowds to collect. Alarm will be given by word of mouth and a forest fire, law and order will disappear. Soon a home guard or a policeman will fire into a crowd, and that will be the spark to start the razing of a nation. Unable to continue its fight, the army will assume control and sue for peace. How long will it take?

Not long now. The process has already started. These are historic weeks.

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What Other Papers Say:

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What You Can Do

Your Government needs and asks its citizens in this 165th week of the war to:

1. Answer the emergency call for 8,000 Medical WACS. Women from 20 to 50 are needed immediately for non-professional medical work in U. S. Army hospitals.
2. Help to relieve the doctor and nurse shortage by taking a Red Cross Nursing course to learn how to care for your own family.
3. Remember - 1944 income tax return forms do not provide for payment of the unpaid portion of your 1942 tax due March 15. Separate statements are being mailed.
4. Write your servicemen cheerful, reassuring and frequent letters. Use V-mail when you write overseas.
5. Beware of complacency. When the war news is good, redouble your efforts on the home front. Set an example your boy can be proud of.

those in the future whether I will attempt to stand alone in the world for four permanent and lasting friendships with other powers. If we decide to have friends, it is logical to expect that we will have a preference for the nation which most closely approximates the United States in its ideals, culture and civilization. This happens to be the British Empire.

There is also an excellent prospect of permanent friendship with France, Russia and China. Despite differences, there seems to be no fundamental obstacle to our cooperation with these powers.

Naturally, in our relationships with other nations, we will not find everything done in exactly the way we prefer, or in the way we would act if we acted alone. This observation applies to the people of other countries as well. Each nation is a family group must give something in return for what it gets. No nation can get everything and give nothing.

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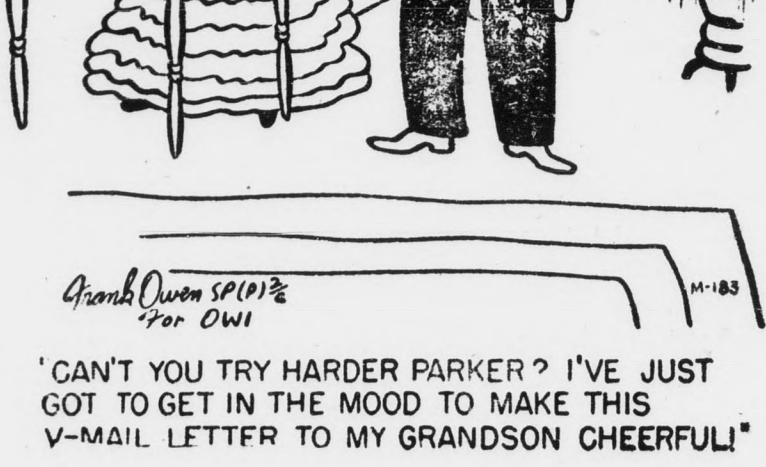
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"CAN'T YOU TRY HARDER PARKER? I'VE JUST GOT TO GET IN THE MOOD TO MAKE THIS V-MAIL LETTER TO MY GRANDSON CHEERFUL"



"The average elephant yields 120 pounds of ivory tusks."

Henry VIII of England (1491-1547) daily fed 600 at his table and the cost was \$70,000 a year.

A thermometer, heat-detecting instrument, is so sensitive it will react to the heat of a lighted candle 100 miles away.

A quart of fertile grass soil will contain about 70 miles of roots and root hairs.

Butter sold for the equivalent of six cents a pound in 14th century England.

Fifty-one wealthy Roman citizens of 1800 years ago mortgaged their properties for \$70,000 to provide care for 300 destitute children.

Report Nazis may be withdrawing large forces from the front in Northern Italy.

China renames Burma Road to honor General Stilwell.

Nimitz moves headquarters closer to Pacific fighting front.

Many nightclubs and amusement places closing on account of short-ages of fuel.

Richmond honors Lt. Dershihan, returning war hero.

THE OLD BIG STRONG BANK

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for February 4

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JESUS' CONCERN FOR ALL

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 21: 9-13. GOLDEN TEXT—Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets—Matthew 23: 23.

What is a man worth? Well, say we, that depends, and then we are prone to undervalue him. Jesus had taught a high regard for the inherent value of man. He saw potentialities in all men. He had a love for them. He was concerned about their welfare, and they responded by an interest in him.

Jesus showed by His dealings with men how wrong are most of the standards and attitudes of the world. With Him there were:

I. No Social Barrier (vv. 1, 9, 10). The caste system of some lands, dividing people into social strata which separate men and hinder fellowship, does not exist in our land. Yet, in practice, we have such levels which are a formidable barrier to the thinking of many (perhaps most) people.

Jesus knew nothing of social barriers. He ignored them and went straight to the one in need. In our lesson it was a man of position and wealth who was an outcast among his people because he was a hated gatherer of taxes for Rome.

Jesus saw in him a man of faith and a useful witness for Him. He not only talked with him, but called him to be His disciple. Then He went forth and, to the astonishment of His critics, went in to a great feast where many such men were gathered.

He ate with publicans and sinners, not because He approved of their manner of life, but because He wanted to change it as He changed them.

II. No Fear of Criticism (vv. 11-13). Many a kind and noble impulse has died a-borning because of the fear of criticism. "What will people say?" has kept many a Christian from speaking to some sinner about his (or her) soul.

"The world is too much with us," and we all too often guide our lives and service by the possible reaction we may receive from those round about us. We did not learn such an attitude from Jesus.

His answer to His critics made it clear that there will be no self-righteous, "good enough" people in heaven. The Lord is not even calling them, so long as they trust in their own goodness. He came to seek and to save sinners (v. 13, and Luke 19: 10).

We, too, may go forward without fear of our critics. That doesn't mean that we "don't care what people think" about us. We ought to care, but if our opinion is based on unbelief and self-righteousness, it should certainly not deter us from our all-important business of soul-winning.

III. No Limitation of Time and Place (vv. 12-13). Often the help of men to those in need is circumscribed by so many regulations that those who most deserve help cannot get it. There are times and places for application forms, and tests must be completed, etc. Doubtless much of this is needed, but none wonders at times whether our charitable impulses have not disappeared under a mountain of tape.

Be that as it may, how interesting it is to see that Jesus met the need when and where it appeared. He was already on an errand of mercy when the sick woman touched His robe. He was not too busy nor too preoccupied to stop and give her a word of help and comfort (v. 22).

Is there not a significant lesson here for us in the church? The need is reason enough for the extension of our help. The place is anywhere that men are in sadness or sorrow, and the hour is now when they need our help.

IV. No Lack of Power (vv. 23-28). How often the human heart is prompted to help, and willing hands are ready to follow its promptings in loving action, yet we find that we cannot do anything. The need is too great for our meager resources. Our strength does not suffice. We have no money, or the situation is one beyond human help.

How wonderful it is then to remember the Lord Jesus! A touch on the hem of His garment in faith made the woman whole (v. 22). A word from Him brought the dead little girl not to face the scorn of Jesus, in the bloom of life and health.

Has He lost any of His great power? No. He is just "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13: 8). Why not trust Him?

You need help—spiritual, mental, physical? He is able. He has no prejudice regarding your social position. He will meet you right where you are, and right now. He is seeking the sick and the sinful—"the lost, the last, and the least." Look to Him for faith.

The great Physician now is near. The sympathizing Jesus. He speaks, the drooping heart to cheer; O hear the voice of Jesus.

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Eighty Woodsman



The old Professor, while not assuming to be an expert in Law as our old Athenian friend Solon, says that there is a logical explanation to the following statement: "In the State of Illinois a man cannot marry his widow's sister." Can you explain this?

Some farmers in this section have finished a ripping tobacco, and will begin plowing if the weather stays open.

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Now It's Plastic Sled



Shortage of materials prevented many children from getting a sled this Christmas, but little Janus Palford, of Chicago, was not one of them. His grandfather, president of a manufacturing company using plastic materials, had a plastic sled made for the proud youngster.

King Peter, of Yugoslavia agrees to appointment of a regency.

Russian Church to hold its first Soviet conference.

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